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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Ali M. Beydoun

MORTGAGE FRAUD CRACK-DOWN CONTINUES

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy today announced further developments in the ongoing investigation of SBA-guaranteed loans originated by Business Loan Express, LLC ("BLX").

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Eric Thorson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration and Special Agent in Charge Desmond Scanlon, United States Secret Service, Detroit Field Office.

A Federal Grand Jury in Detroit returned two more Indictments on April 10, 2007 charging three local residents with fraud in connection with two loans alleged to have been obtained by fraud.

Ali M. Beydoun, 61, of Dearborn, Michigan, and **Mohamad (Mike) Dorra**, 50, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan were charged in one indictment with conspiracy to defraud the United States and making false statements. **Beydoun** (doing business as Noble General

Business Services, LLC and TW Fuel Stop, Inc.) obtained a \$1.4 million SBA-guaranteed loan from BLX for the purpose of purchasing a gas station located at 9525 Telegraph Rd., Redford, Michigan. **Dorra's** company, M & I Petro, Inc., was the seller of the gas station. According to the indictment, **Beydoun** falsely represented that he had put \$465,000 of his own money into the deal, as required for the issuance of the SBA loan guarantee. Among the alleged false representations was the claim that **Beydoun** had paid, and **Dorra** had received, a \$395,000 down payment on the gas station. The loan, which was disbursed on or about May 3, 2002, eventually went into default and on or about December 4, 2003, the SBA paid a \$1,037,897.17 claim.

Methik Hassan, 28, of Hamtramck, Michigan, and **Dorra** were charged in another indictment with conspiracy to defraud the United States and making false statements. **Hassan** (doing business as Fort Street Real Estate, LLC and Fort Street Petro Mart, Inc.) obtained a \$1.31 million SBA-guaranteed loan from BLX for the purpose of purchasing a gas station located at 20990 Riverview, Michigan. **Dorra's** company, M & I Petro, Inc., was, again, the seller of the gas station. According to the indictment, **Hassan** falsely represented that he had put \$455,000 of his own money into the deal, as required for the issuance of the SBA loan guarantee. Among the alleged false representations was the claim that **Hassan** had paid, and **Dorra** had received, a \$365,000 down payment on the gas station. The loan, which was disbursed on or about June 12, 2002, eventually went into default and on or about November 30, 2005, the SBA paid a \$876,590.89 claim.

Each of the charges against **Beydoun**, **Hassan**, and **Dorra** carry a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Other developments in the investigation were the entry of guilty pleas on April 12, 2007, by two local residents previously charged with fraudulently obtaining SBA-guaranteed loans from BLX.

Daryoush Zahraie, 47, of Lake, Michigan, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge arising out of his fraudulent acquisition of a \$990,000 SBA-guaranteed loan issued by BLX. The SBA paid a claim of \$719,106.84 on or about November 18, 2003, as a result of a default in loan payments.

Ahmad M. Qdeih, 43, of Warren, Michigan, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge arising out of his fraudulent acquisition of a \$1.1 million SBA-guaranteed loan issued by BLX. The SBA paid a claim of \$798,186.18 on or about September 1, 2005, as a result of a default in loan payments.

The two pleas were entered before U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow. Both defendants face up to five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing for both cases is currently scheduled for July 25, 2007.

The SBA loan fraud investigation, which continues, is being conducted by special agents of the U.S. Small Business Administration-Office of Inspector General and the United States Secret Service. Stephen T. Robinson is the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the investigation.

Individuals with knowledge of SBA-loan fraud are encouraged to contact the SBA-OIG fraud line at 1 (800) 767-0385.